United Church of Bernardston! May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday



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Opening Music - Chimes Hail Thee, Festival Day; Open My Eyes, That I May See Liz Dawson

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of Candles Morning Prayer – Gilbert M. Martin Liz Dawson Call to Worship L: Holy God, spare the earth P: But put a fire in our bones, L: so our words are alive with hope, P: our hearts are aflame with love, L: our deeds ablaze with compassion P: Holy God, spare us the winds of destruction L: But set loose Your Spirit P: The carries us along the paths of justice.

L: Holy God,

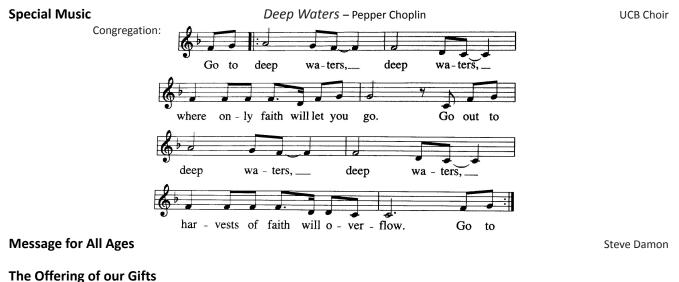
All: Be fire in our bones, wind at our back, a dove of peace. Be a Spirit of love, a song reborn, a life renewed. Amen.

Hymn

#2223 - They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love (verses 1, 2, 3)

Unison Prayer

Holy Spirit, counselor, revealer of eternal truth, show us God and we will be satisfied. Call to our remembrance all that we have seen and heard and felt that gives us glimpses of your work in our world. Bring a new Pentecost among us so we will be empowered to witness to the world. Amen.



Offertory Music

Jubilate Deo – Jay Althouse

UCB Choir

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication #95 - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 2: 1-21 and John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15

Bill Hill

Sermon

Rev Linda Rhinehart Neas

Prayer Concerns, Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Musical Prayer Response: # 2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center (vs 3)

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for hearts to care, In the Spirit's lively scheming, there is always room to spare.

Presentation of the Pledges

#347 - Spirit Song

(Those who wish may present their pledge cards in the front of the sanctuary during the singing of the hymn) Dedication of the Pledges (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you are giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May we see them as our

offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering; it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen.

Benediction

L: Go forth from this place knowing that God has filled you with the Holy Spirit.

P: We rejoice in the power of the Spirit within and among us.

L: Tell the Good News everywhere you go -- trust that God will translate where needed. Amen.

Benediction Response

Shalom to You

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friend. In all your living and through your loving. Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude	The Quest of the Holy Spirit – David Paxton	Liz Dawson

Words of Hymns

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one int he Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. [Chorus]

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side; And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. [Chorus]

Spirit Song

O let the Son of God enfold you With His Spirit and His love Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul O let Him have those things that hold you And His Spirit like a dove Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus: Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs Jesus oh Jesus Come and fill Your lambs

O come and sing this song with gladness As your hearts are filled with joy Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name O give Him all your tears and sadness Give Him all your years of pain And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name [Chorus]

